

GTA Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2011

County Square, 301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC
Conference Room FBoard Members in Attendance:

Mr. John Boyd
Mr. Matt Carter
Ms. Pat Dilger
Mr. Trey Fouché, Asst. Chairman
Mr. Al Gray, Treasurer
Mr. David Mitchell, Chairman
Mr. Jan Williams

Others in Attendance:

Keith Brockington, County Planner (GPATS)
Karen Crawford, City Comptroller
Phillip Lemon, ACOG
Fred Payne, County Council Member
Warren Rowe, City Projects Manager
Gaye Sprague, City Council Member

Staff in Attendance:

Greg Baney, Grants/Planning Manager
Lorrie Brown, Administrative Assistant
Steve Chastain, Transit Superintendent
Carl Jackson, Transportation Director
Shelia Schmitt, Transit General Manager

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Mr. David Mitchell, Chairman.

Quorum established.Approval of September 26, 2011 Meeting Board Minutes:

A motion to approve the September 26, 2011 Board Minutes was made by Mr. Al Gray. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pat Dilger. No opposers. The motion carries.

Committee Reports**Development Committee Report (Given by Mr. Trey Fouché):**

- The committee met on October 17 with the City Leadership Initiative group in attendance to observe the meeting.
- Coverage of the front window of the vacant GTA facility located at 106 Augusta Street was discussed. Mary Douglas Hirsch found an artist who agreed to create murals at cost. We will pay for the supplies. Mr. Carter noted that there may be grant money available for art in some of our facilities. Staff will look into possible grants for the mural(s).

The Development Committee recommends to the full board permission for the Urban Design and Review Board to look into doing murals to cover windows at the vacant GTA building located at 106 Augusta Street. Since this is a recommendation from the Development Committee, a second is not required. A vote was taken. No opposers. The motion carries.

- The Committee was reminded of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony scheduled for Friday, October 21 to celebrate completion of Phase I and II of the Transit Center Renovations. The architects are working on Phase III.
- A route change was made at the Haywood Mall stop due to a request from the Greenville branch of the American Federation of the Blind. Another route change was made on Whitehorse Road at Harvest Hope Food Center.
- New shelters continue to go up. Greenville Memorial Hospital made changes to their parking lot to allow Greenlink bus to come to the front door of Rogers C. Peace Rehabilitation Center.
- As part of Footloose, Greenlink participated in "Fall for Greenville" by offering a park and ride from CUICAR to downtown Greenville. We had a total 106 riders for both days. Mr. Carter asked staff to send a thank you letter to CUICAR.
- Ms. Dilger addressed delays during the first week of every month when there are a number of wheelchairs which hinder on time performance. During the brainstorming session, utilization of the New Freedom grant was mentioned as a possible solution.
- The Fare Free Day took place Saturday, 10/21. We had around 1,000 additional riders during this promotion.
- The Board voted to approve Fare Free Service for City and County staff. Greenlink staff was asked to explore how to notify City and County employees.
- The Greyhound lease renewal was discussed and also the condition of the area leased by Greyhound at the Transit Center. Quarterly meetings will take place to address issues brought up by staff which included maintenance of the facility.
- A Request for Board Action was submitted giving staff permission to sell system maps for \$1.00 each. Ms. Schmitt would like to print 5,000 copies and sell them for \$1.00 each. Carl Jackson will do a mail-in to elected officials of the availability of these maps at the downtown Transfer Center. A copy is on the Greenlink webpage.

The Development Committee recommends to the full Board approval for staff to sell system maps at the Transfer Center for \$1.00 each. Since this is a recommendation from the Development Committee, a second is not required. A vote was taken. No opposers. The motion carries.

- City Councilman Gaye Sprague informed the Board of an error on the Greenlink website in the Augusta Road route section; fare is still listed as \$1.25 on the website. Staff will have correction(s) made.
- GSP Airport and TD Convention Center proposed route discussions continue.
- Downtown Trolleys - Mr. Fouché stated he is in favor of potentially taking over the trolley(s), but there are some issues that must be worked out first.
- CAD/AVL is out of the City legal Department. It has been sent to the Route Match Legal Department. CAD/AVL may be up around the first of the year.
- We continue to experience an increase in the number of bikes on GTA/Greenlink buses.

Finance Committee Report for Thursday, October 20th Meeting (given by Mr. Al Gray):

- Mr. Carter asked that it be noted at the Finance Committee meeting that Tiger III was addressed and would be discussed at the Board meeting during the Finance Committee report. Mr. Carter asked whether discussion of Tiger III could take place before Mr. Gray completed his report. Mr. Gray acquiesced to Chairman Mitchell. Chairman Mitchell stated that since this is an issue that has been discussed and voted on by the Board that it would require a vote of two-thirds of the body of the Board in order to bring it back up for discussion. Therefore, the motion during the Finance Committee report is out of order. Mr. Carter stated that he did research, and as long as it is not in the same session we can bring up any motion at any time which has previously been discussed. It would take a two-thirds vote not to hear the motion again; which is a little bit different than how it has being described. The majority of the Board can revisit items at future meetings. However, in order to discuss an item at the same meeting, there must be a two-thirds vote. He stated that renewing the motion is fine. The Bylaws also state that any motion or any procedure with a two-thirds vote of the Board can be changed for that meeting and a two-thirds vote can be taken to even change the Bylaws without notice. Chairman Mitchell stated that we need a motion to suspend the rules in order to carry out what Mr. Carter has stated. He asked for a motion to suspend the rules or for a motion to bring Tiger III back before the Board. Mr. Carter stated that this is still part of the Finance Committee Report.

Mr. Carter stated that he would like to renew the motion that we file Tiger III as an organization as it has been written up by CTE for GTA due to the State Department of Energy's decision to sign this over to GTA. Mr. Mitchell stated that a motion was needed to discuss Tiger III since it was not on the Board Meeting agenda. Mr. Carter stated he was still in the Finance Committee Report which is on the agenda. Mr. Mitchell stated that a motion in the Finance Committee Report was out of order and is not on the agenda for discussion. Mr. Carter stated it did not have to be on the agenda. Mr. Mitchell stated that it would require a motion to put it on the agenda today. Mr. Carter stated he has motion on the table, but that he has not heard a second.

A motion was made by Mr. Matt Carter for continued discussion of pursuing Tiger III. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Boyd. Chairman Mitchell stated the motion has been properly seconded and was on the table for continued discussion. A vote is taken with the majority voting to continue discussions. The motion carries.

Chairman, David Mitchell, asked that it go on record that he opposed reopening Tiger III for discussion

Mr. Fouché stated he is a fan of Tiger III, but he wanted to make sure we are not hurting ourselves down the road. His concerns are: 1) That we have the ability to pay for it if it gets granted and 2) Where the FTA stands about our applying when we are not sure we have the ability to pay for it. Mr. Carter stated that Howard Deal, FTA Director of Tiger III Programs, has given us permission to accept the assignment from the SC Department of Energy. Mr. Carter stated that we will probably be dinged a point or two due to not submitting the application in a timely fashion.

Mr. Gray asked for clarification. He stated that when things generate this much noise he becomes concerned. He further stated that the SC Dept. of Energy office originally did the pre-application and now they are acquiescing to Greenlink to submit the application. He questioned the risk that it presents to GTA/Greenlink by pursuing this, and if they are pursuing it under someone else's umbrella. He stated this makes him wonder if it is in fact as clean as he would like to see it; particularly when staff has recommended not pursuing. His initial reaction is that you always apply. However, if there is some cloud behind this that could negatively impact Greenlink either now or in the future, he would like to have more discussion. He questioned the motivation behind the Department of Energy not applying themselves without seeking to include us. Mr. Carter stated that the Department of Energy heard that we were not going to file a pre-application, and they put in a placeholder that they were going to offer. They are interested because of the Proterra electric buses; the SC Department of Energy believes that switching over to this new technology will be good in the long run. They felt it was more effective for them to assign it to us. Originally, they thought they would have to partner with us and have them be the agency to funnel it through. However, after discussion at FTA level, they thought it would be more effective for them to assign it to us.

Mr. Gray asked whether the Department of Energy would take any responsibly with regards to sustainability. Mr. Carter stated they would not. Mr. Boyd stated that he feels it is very important to apply for Tiger III. GSP Airport has agreed to put in a charging station, and GSP Airport has been on our agenda for some time. He felt it is also important to make this a county project, since we are trying to tie in Mauldin and Simpsonville. His understanding is that until we accept the money we are not obligated. Mr. Carter stated if we are awarded the grant, there are obviously a lot of things which have to be done. If we take the money then we are obligated; up until this time we can refuse the money. Mr. Fouché stated that his one concern is that if we choose not to accept the money what type of indirect penalty might exist, but if we are successful it is a huge gain.

Mr. Gray stated that if someone is asking him to put his hand in the hollow hole in the tree, but they are not saying if something happens to you we have your back. Then he would not feel good about putting his hand in the tree. The entities such as the SC Department of Energy, GSP Airport, etc. are saying go, but they are not saying they are here with us as far as sustainability. They do not have documents that we can count on that say we are here for you as opposed to simply go. We, ourselves, have to worry about sustainability and do due diligence to make sure this thing is going to be supported going forward.

GTA Board Chairman, Mr. David Mitchell stated a pre-application has been presented already based on GTA/Greenlink getting on board with some level of support. That has not been determined at this point, and we are in deliberation about it now. He is struggling with the SC Department of Energy submitting an application on behalf of GTA based on our getting on board. Staff felt we should not apply due to not being able to satisfy the sustainability component; we would need approximately \$600,000 per year over five years. We will need a total of 3.5 million dollars which we do not have. He is worried about 2013 and the projected budget shortfall for Greenlink/GTA. He acknowledged that Tiger III is on the pathway for doing what we need to do for the City of Greenville and the County. However, he does not feel the timing is right, and we cannot sustain 3.5 million dollars over five years. He has not seen letters guaranteeing matching funds of 2.5 million dollars in charging stations or in land. He does not see all of the potential partners. He agreed with the concerns expressed by Mr. Fouché of the consequences of our getting the grant and not being able to accept the money. He is concerned with what could potentially happen with future grants. If we don't have our ducks in a row, future grants may be denied because of this. Mr. Carter has stated that we are going to be 2 points down already. Our chances are pretty slim. In regards to sustainability and matching funds and the way it was handled, procedurally he cannot support it. Mr. Carter stated he could then vote against applying which was his right.

Ms. Dilger stated that as a member of the original committee, her major concern was not having a matching grant. However, with the new proposal it looks like we may have it. Her other concern was sustainability; which is still a concern. She feels that with the new partnerships being forged with this process that we will be more likely to find the funding to become sustainable rather than if we are out there by ourselves. We will never be sustainable until we expand what we have right now with bus rapid transit and finding a way for people to get back and forth from the airport. There may not be future Tiger grants.

Chairman Mitchell does not see evidence of matching funds support for the Tiger III process. There is nothing which says these are our matching funds. Mr. Carter stated that Bob Geolis can be called to ask him about the real estate, and there is the property the county put up on the GDC right of way. He believes that what has transpired here makes it appear that he does not respect their chairman. The fact that they disagree does not mean he does not respect Mr. Mitchell as chairman.

County Councilor, Fred Payne stated that he got involved with Tiger III three weeks ago. The potential for receiving 38 million dollars does not come along very often. He has since learned that the staff had considered it and came back with a no recommendation. Carl Jackson had informed him that their concerns were having matching grants and sustainability of operations. As far as the matching grant, the letter from Butch Kirven two years ago for 3.4 miles of right of way is a significant number; he is willing to write another letter. Proterra and CUICAR are interested. He spoke with a gentleman with the SC Department of Energy, and he is excited about Greenville due to new guidelines they are looking for in Tiger III. They want BRT emphasized, and they want electric buses opposed to some of the other hybrids. They also want a university research center linked to our CUICAR. We are different now than we were two years ago in this respect. He is feeling more comfortable about the access to the matching money. This leaves sustainability and whether we will be able to get people to step up. He spoke with the CFO of Greenville Tech early last week, and even though they have been having budget cuts she is on board. She feels there are advantages for Greenville Tech to have a stronger transit system. She is appreciative of the ties established with the northwest campus. They currently charge student fees and parking fees; allocating part of this money towards a transit fee might be a good idea. They have challenges in reaching the persons in Simpsonville for the Brashier campus, and she feels that what is happening with the Simpsonville GTA shuttle will help them. She sees future student growth, and she realizes there is no free lunch and they need to pay something. There are approximately 15,000 Greenville Tech students. If Tech charges students \$10.00 per semester there could be \$300,000 in potential transit dollars. This would account for \$300,000 of the \$600,000 needed by GTA per year. This does not count other universities like Bob Jones, Furman and even North Greenville Tech who could potentially come in with some money. The greatest potential he sees is with the hospital system. The hospital has 10,000 employees. They could do something with their employees similar to what the City and County are currently doing. For Example: If GHS gave \$40 for their 10,000 employees to have access to transit this would bring in an additional \$400,000. The opportunity to talk with them is real.

Councilor Payne spoke with City Councilman Gaye Sprague and she expressed some of her challenges, and she stated that we need to do more market research. He stated that in 2007 approximately 1,300 people responded to a transit survey generated by the County online. He shared some of the results of that survey. Nineteen percent (19%) came from medical, 21% from

government, business and industry 30%, local education and other 18%. They were asked about potential changes. A lot of the changes listed have already occurred. Reliable on time service 10%, more frequent service every thirty minutes 10% and Attractive and well lighted station 9.9%. They were asked what location would attract them to use the improved system and 11% stated going to GSP airport would influence them. They were also asked if a regional rapid express system connected major upstate destinations to check where they would travel using public transit and 24.4% said GSP Airport. When Carl Jackson, Joe Dill and he met with David Edwards with the GSP Airport, Mr. Edwards stated he felt the majority of people using the service would be people who live in Greenville. Mr. Payne felt that for the County it more about economic development than transit. Every new express stop that is created is going to be an opportunity for more stores, restaurants, shops, apartments and multi model housing. He is predisposed for it, and he is willing to work hard as a member of County Council to help us get matching grants and the sustainability; which would require \$600,000 per year.

Chairman Mitchell addressed Councilman Payne's comments and stated he has shared a lot of data; however, he has not shared a lot of people willing to support transit. We have a need right now, and revenue is needed. Councilor Payne stated he suggested creating a Blue Ribbon Committee four years ago prior to Mr. Jackson coming on board to bring CFOs and CEOs to the table to let them know what was in it for them and inform them how they could help. Chairman Mitchell stated the City and County are the only outside entities that have made sure Greenlink still exists. His struggle as chairman is with everyone saying go get the grant and we will jump on board. It is hard for him to take hold of the concept to build the bridge and they will come. Other entities may not be able to help us if they have budget constraints themselves. We know the City and County is supporting us. Councilor Payne stated that if we get the award we can say no and then worry about the consequences. Mr. Fouché stated he would like to hear from City Councilman Gaye Sprague.

Councilman Sprague stated it is the Board's decision regarding whether to apply. She stated it was refreshing to see someone from County Council willing to help. She stated she is wearing two hats today because the Board is her boss, since the City is the contractor. However, she also has a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Greenville. Wearing the first hat, if the Board wants staff to apply, they will apply. Wearing the second hat, there will be a time when she and her fellow council members may be asked to do more financially than they can do. She stated she finds that people are willing to spend money on sexier things. She feels personally that there has to be a plan that is reasonable. Then you work the plan. Mr. Carter stated he feels that it is more reasonable to have this discussion and consider the plan if you have 30 million dollars that you have been told you can have. He feels that if we had the grant money, there would be more support from councils and CEOs. There is no possibility of having the grant without an application. She feels we need to be careful about indicating a support that has not been officially given.

Chairman Mitchell stated that the FTA has not been mentioned much at this meeting. He is concerned with GTA's relationship with the FTA. He does not want to get back into a situation where we apply for a grant without secured matching funds and a secured sustainability plan in place and we have to turn the money down. There are indirect things that could impact us. He is concerned with how we look with County and City council because we may need to go to them again in the future because we have gotten too big. He is looking at the general operations of GTA and how we do business with transportation provided to the City and County of Greenville. Mr. Fouché asked from a procedural standpoint, whether a majority vote or two third votes would be required, and he was informed that it would require a majority vote. He understands that this is a risk and he does not take this lightly. He thinks Greenville City and County has benefited from risk takers. This might be one more risk to take.

Chairman Mitchell called for orders of the day. He stated that the motion is on the floor. Mr. Carter stated that the actual motion is to have staff apply for the Tiger III grant given the assignment. The application deadline is October 31st. Councilor Payne stated that his understanding is the grant proposal two years ago was done by CTE and they are prepared to update the proposal and work with local GTA staff to move the grant forward. This is the mechanism for the application. Chairman Mitchell asked Mr. Jackson whether staff had time to do what needs to be done. Mr. Jackson stated there was time and all that needed to be done, as stated by Mr. Carter, was to re-apply the grant that was applied for before. Therefore, staff time should be at a minimal. Greg Baney stated that as long as the Board can secure the letters we should be able to do it. Mr. Carter stated that CTE has it set up and all that is required is our DUNS number and the federal function where it is entered twice. It has to be done either by the Board Chairman or by staff member, Carl Jackson. The information will need to be entered and the grant downloaded. The motion is that staff will make the application; not that they develop it.

Chairman Mitchell asked that from a procedural standpoint whether it requires the Board Chairman to sign off if the motion passes. Mr. Carter stated that to his knowledge it does not. Greg Baney asked whether CTE is submitting the application or whether the GTA Board is being requested to submit it. It was his understanding that the pre-application was submitted by CTE, and if they submitted the pre-application they would have to submit the actual application as well. Mr. Carter stated that the pre-application was submitted by the SC Department of Energy. Mr. Baney stated that they would have to submit the actual application. Mr. Carter stated that it was being assigned to us and they are giving us the letter of recommendation for the project. Mr. Baney stated he will need the letter of recommendation in order to submit the actual application.

Councilman Sprague stated that she has concerns about CTE who she knows nothing about, and it appears that the motion is for staff to apply and that the mechanism requires additional conversation. She cannot sit in the meeting in good faith and have discussions about our staff assigning it to some group she knows nothing about or even if it is even legal. Every time she has a federal assignment, there are questions as you have not paid anybody to help you get this, etc. Mr. Mitchell asked who needs to

sign because he is not supportive of signing his name on anything that is not directly related to GTA. Mr. Carter stated that if the Board passes the motion and are in favor of pursuing Tiger III, then as the Board Chairman it is one of his jobs to execute contracts. Chairman Mitchell stated that if it is not directly coming from this staff which they as a Board oversee and set policy for, he will not sign it. Mr. Carter stated that if it is the will of the Board, it can be submitted with 4 or 5 board members signing off. CTE is only one of two companies that do this type of thing, and they do not charge for the application process. They do become an administrator of the grant if it is awarded, but they are a not for profit. He stated the FTA prefers we go through someone like them. Councilman Sprague asked whether at this point it was possible to direct the staff to do it. Mr. Carter stated we could have been able to had we done it a while back. Councilman Sprague stated that she is extremely uncomfortable with paying someone to get a grant. Mr. Carter stated we are not paying anyone to do the grant. Councilman Sprague stated that there is a consideration in the end. Mr. Mitchell stated that we all have to follow rules; which is why he wanted to have a clear understanding as Chairman of the Board and for the persons for whom they set policy. He feels that it is not fair to them as a board to use an external consultant and be asked to sign and approve something and ask our staff to get on board with it. There are not enough answers to the questions that we have today. Councilman Sprague asked if the motion was to use CTE. Mr. Carter stated that the motion is just to make the application as it is assigned to us from the Department of Energy. As to the mechanics, he does not have all of the answers. The application is done through the GTA Duns number, so it requires that GTA do it. Mr. Carter stated that Carl Jackson as Board Secretary can do it or the Vice Chairman instead of the Chairman. It is the organization of GTA that is doing it. He does not know who enters it. Mr. Mitchell stated that Carl Jackson in addition to being Board Secretary is employed by the City and has a fiduciary responsibility to the City. Ms. Dilger interjected that CTE was used previously to submit the Tiger II Grant.

A vote is taken with members asked to respond by yea or nay. Mr. Mitchell also asked for a hand vote. Mr. Carter stated that the bylaws clearly state that unless you call for a number of the votes prior to the vote then it will get recorded as a yea or nay. He has asked that this be the case here for the sake of clarity. Mr. Carter stated that it should just get recorded as a passing vote in the minutes, and for posterity sake he can read the section of the bylaws which addresses this. It was not called beforehand to number the votes. He would rather it look like we are in favor of going ahead and not a huge split decision. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would offer a motion to suspend the rules to record the votes in the minutes as a yea or nay. Mr. Boyd stated he thinks we should do whatever our bylaws states and not someone's preference.

Chairman Mitchell made a motion to suspend the rules and record the number of persons voting to apply for the Tiger III grant and the number opposed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Al Gray. The majority voted to suspend the rule. There was one vote against suspending the rule. The motion carries.

Mr. Matt Carter made a motion to submit the Tiger III application. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Boyd. A vote is taken with the majority voting to submit the Tiger III application (four voting for and three voting against). The motion carries.

- Karen Crawford provided an overview at the Finance Committee Meeting as it relates to financials and the operational matrix. We are at 92% of our budget for the year. Total revenue is almost 86%; the target is 92%. Operating expenses are at 91%. Operating loss for the month was \$128,675; year to date losses were \$159,107. Passenger revenue was at over 98% at the end of August due the fare increase. We have an increase in Demand Response. We are still using temporary personnel. Audit services have been paid. Fuel costs show an increase. Cash balance as of August 31st is \$213,922. Fund balance is negative (-21,314). Mr. Carter raised concerns regarding the Fund Balance since we are generally around the \$200,000 mark. Ms. Crawford walked us through the reimbursements we are entitled to and have not received; she stated we are not going to receive more. Greg Baney indicated that when we closed out in June that we knew that there was going to be a deficit. At this point, he does not feel a significant change needed to be made. The volume of in-kind service by the City has gone down significantly over the last several months. Mr. Baney stated that 95% of travel and training was not drawn because there was not eligibility for this draw.

The Finance Committee recommends to the full board payment of invoices in the amount of \$289,179.29 pending the availability of funds. Since this is a recommendation from the Finance Committee, a second is not required. No opposers. The recommendation carries.

October 2011 GTA Finance Board Invoices

Date	Company	Description	Invoice #	\$ Amount
9/1/11	Cemex	Bus Shelter materials (Greenville Memorial Hospital)	9422197969	366.76
9/23/11	City of Greenville	GTA Board Contract, August 2011	73373	255,378.54
8/18/11	GCI Services Inc.	Bench painting and lane restriping	11111	6,428.00
9/13/11	Gillig LLC	Striping and decal for signs/exits, Augusta St.	4751719	624.74
8/3/11	Gillig LLC	Diagnostic computer for bus	4741249	2,513.94
10/13/11	Gillig LLC	Bar tow	4760417	2,688.89
9/26/11	Shelia Schmitt	Reimbursement for pictures developed for Terminal Phase	n/a	53.28

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10/13/11	TD Bank Visa	Frames from Hobby Lobby for Transit Center Renovation	n/a	305.08
9/28/11	Warren Rowe	Reimbursement for Home Depot paint purchase	n/a	55.06
9/21/11	Woodward & Zwolinski Advertising	Greenville Transit Map edits	GTA1101	400.00
				268,814.29

JARC/New Freedom Board Invoices

Date	Company	Description	Invoice #	Amount
8/10/11	Bon Secours St. Francis	Operations Reimbursements Jan. – Aug. 2011	Greenville Transit 1-8	18,981.00
9/27/11	Miracle Hill Ministries	Operations Costs Reimbursement June – Sept. 2011	n/a	1,384.00
				\$20,365.00
Grand Total				289,179.29

1. The invoice relates to the Transit Center Renovation project, 80% grant funds, local match provided by the City.
2. The invoice relates to the Bus Shelter project, 80% grant funds, local match partially funded by City in-kind.
3. The invoice relates to various items, applicable portion grant funded, GTA responsible for 20%.
4. The invoice has been approved for payment. Check 31334 was printed on 8/8/2011.
*100% reimbursable by Federal Government

- Carl Jackson gave an update of projects.
- Greyhound is requesting that their lease amount remain the same as the previous year. The Committee asked staff to prepare a Request for Board Action; the request is in the Board Package. There are performance issues. Staff will meet more often with Greyhound to discuss how they are performing. They request the same lease agreement. Ms. Dilger suggested having the amended contract reflect what is expected of Greyhound regarding the space leased from GTA.

A motion was made by Mr. Matt Carter to extend the Greyhound contract for one year at the current rate. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Boyd. A vote was taken. No opposers. The motion carries.

Management Report (given by Carl Jackson)

- GSP Route – Discussions have taken place with downtown hotel management. Talks will continue. A feasibility study was completed to determine the costs for GTA to operate a shuttle from downtown Greenville to the GSP Airport. Another meeting will be held with the hotels to discuss their needs.
- Trolleys – The Development Committee would like additional information. The City has an interest in Greenlink operating the trolleys. We were successful in obtaining federal funds to purchase two new trolleys. The City has agreed to provide the match for the new trolleys. We have to fine tune operating criteria for trolleys because of the services that the City currently provide.

Other Comments:

- Mr. Carter wanted it noted that the numbers he mentioned in previously minutes as it pertains to the Laurens St. Project were not actual numbers; they were given as examples. He has no idea what the specific numbers were for this project.
- Councilman Sprague stated that the ribbon cutting at the transfer center was a good day. She publically thanked Mr. John Boyd, who has resigned from the GTA Board, for his service. A new appointment will occur at the 10/24 Council meeting.
- Phillip Lemmon informed the Board that today was his last day attending the meeting. He has accepted a position in Anderson with Senior Solutions.

Request for Agenda Items

- Chairman Mitchell asked the Development Committee to work with Parking Services to explore the idea of parking in the Transfer Center on Saturdays after 7:30 p.m. through Sunday at either 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. He asked that the feasibility be explored. Staff was asked to meet with Parking. Mr. Jackson stated that there are a number of safety issues.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Trey Fouché. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pat Dilger. No opposers. The motion carries.

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Lorrie Brown, Greenlink Administrative Assistant

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Mr. David Mitchell, GTA Board Chairman